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SUBJECT: SYRIAN EXPLANATION FOR LATEST SYRIAN-SOVIET ARMS DEAL

1. SYRIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR DR. ADIB DAOUDI VISITED
BAHRAIN LAST WEEK IN COURSE OF AREA TOUR TO EXPLAIN LATEST
SOVIET-SYRIAN ARMS DEAL. ACCORDING TO AMIR, DAOUDI'S
EXPLANATIONS -- AND THOSE OF SARG IN GENERAL -- ARE CONVINCING
IN TERMS OF CONTINUING SYRIAN ABILITY TO GET WHAT SYRIA NEEDS
FROM SOVIETS WITHOUT DENIGRATING SYRIAN SOVEREIGNTY. AMIR
SPOKE TO ME MARCH 12 IN VERY ADMIRING TERMS OF PRESIDENT
ASAD'S "CLEVERNESS" IN HANDLING SOVIETS WITHOUT GIVING
UP ANYTHING IMPORTANT TO SYRIA OR DAMAGING TO OTHER ARABS.
HE KBNTRASTED THIS SYRIAN "SUCCESS" WITH WAY IN WHICH HE
BELIEVED IRAQIS HAVE GIVEN FAR TOO MUCH TO SOVIETS IN RETURN
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FOR TOO LITTLE.

2. ACCORDING TO AMIR, DAOUDI GAVE FOLLOWING AS EXAMPLE OF
SYRIAN SUCCESS IN HANDLING SOVIETS: PRESIDENT ASAD HAS SAID
"NO" IN STRONGEST TERMS TO SOVIET DEMAND THAT PART OF PRICE
OF NEW ARMS WOULD BE SYRIAN ACQUIESCENCE IN SOVIET POLICY
IN HORN OF AFRICA. DAOUDI REPORTEDLY TOLD AMIR THAT THIS

HAD BEEN A MAJOR STICKING POINT IN ARMS TALKS BUT THAT
ASAD HAD GOTTEN AGREEMENT ON THE ARMS WITHOUT AGREEING TO
GIVE UP SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA.
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